Middleman in Defence Deals

312. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Indian Express of 26th January, 1996 under the caption "Middleman makes crores in Defence deals";

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) the details of each contract signed between the Ministry of defence and the Ukrainian company and what is the present position of each contract;

(d) what are the names and the role of the middlemen and the reasons for which they were engaged in the above deals; and

(e) the amount of commission paid to the middleman in respect of each contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Press report refers to the documents seized by the Revenue department during a raid on the premises of one Shri Ashok Chawla and his companies. The documents are reported to relate to certain agreements between Shri Ashok Chawla and Ukranian/Russian Companies, covering procurement of certain equipments.

(d) and (e) Ministry of Defence has prohibited involvement of agents the acquisition of weapons and weapon systems (vide MoD ID No. 2250-A/JS(O)/89, dated 17.4.89). The contracts have been negotiated/concluded directly with the manufacturers/suppliers by the Ministry of Defence.

On receipt of a report on the seizure of documents by the Tax authorities during the raid of the premises of Shri Ashok Chawla and his companies, the matter has been handed over to CBI for a thorough investigation.

Mobilisation of Resources

313. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has a proposal to mobilise resources for its projects which are on the anvil;

(b) if so, the manner in which the resources are proposed to be mobilised;

(c) the target set in this regard for Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the measures taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Department of Tourism do not mobilise resources on their own for tourism projects. Plan allocations are received from the Planning Commission. During the 8th Five Year Plan the Department of Tourism has been allocated Rs. 272 crores for variour purposes including investment in tourism projects.

The Department of Tourism has set up an Investment Cell to facilitate private investment in tourism projects.

Amenities Being Provided To Government Colonies

314. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of specification and scale of amenities in Type I, II, III and IV Government accommodation in Delhi;

(b) the colonies where those amenities have not been provided in full so far;

(c) the details of works which can be done on the basis of deposit of 10% of the cost;